March 6, 2017 Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. McWhorter, Mr. Miller, Ms. Wynn, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Moore.

Mr. Lewis opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the February 20, 2017 Regular Session Minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Moore abstaining.

Lamar Callaway, Supervisor for the Water Plant thanked the Mayor and Council for their leadership. He presented a 2016 Water Audit and stated that the new pumps that were recently installed are working good and there are not any problems to report with the department.

Robert Motley addressed the Mayor and Council by requesting approval for the Greensboro Housing Authority to exercise the powers of Eminent Domain. He stated that Public Housing is on a Clean-Up Campaign and has been around since the 1950's. Public Housing currently needs more parking spaces and would like access to the property contiguous to the Housing Authority. Putt LaBarre, Attorney representing the Housing Authority, presented a plat showing parcels surrounding the Public Housing Complex and stated that they were trying to acquire parcels 1 and 2 so that tenants could make use of it. He discussed the process that was taken to reach out and contact the property owners, He contacted Harvey Reid, but was not able to contact any other relative. Mr. Miller recused himself from taking part in the discussion.

John Reid spoke on behalf of his family. He read a letter addressing their concerns with the actions of the Housing Authority and the Eminent Domain process. He stated that prior to attending the meeting they felt the Housing Authority would take their property by any means necessary. The family is requesting that the City Council consider not giving the Housing Authority permission to use Eminent Domain, this is heir property and the family wants to come to a resolution in decent and order.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to table approving a resolution authorizing the Greensboro Housing Authority powers to exercise Eminent Domain for 60 days until both parties can come to an agreement, after a second by Mr. Moore the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Mr. Miller made a motion approving the Policies and Procedures for the Title II Americans with Disabilities Act, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 5-0.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comments

Barbara Johnson thanked the Mayor and Council for their services. She asked if the city could start to send out alerts to citizens when there is an emergency with the water.

Jeffery Smith gave a few updates on things happening within the County. Restoration to the CSX Bridge on Old Eatonton Road will begin on May 1, Trees are being cut on Highway 15 North to widen the highway, NIBCO will be expanding and hiring 50 new employees within the next few years, and Sam Young has been named the new Economic Director.

Mr. Moore made a motion to set the Annual Clean-up day to Monday, March 27, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. Moore the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business Mr. Miller closed the meeting with prayer.